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DETAILED ACTION

Specification

1. Applicant is reminded of the proper language and format for an abstract of the disclosure.

The abstract should be in narrative form and generally limited to a single paragraph on a separate sheet within the range of 50 to 150 words. It is important that the abstract not exceed 150 words in length since the space provided for the abstract on the computer tape used by the printer is limited. The form and legal phraseology often used in patent claims, such as "means" and "said," should be avoided. The abstract should describe the disclosure sufficiently to assist readers in deciding whether there is a need for consulting the full patent text for details.

The language should be clear and concise and should not repeat information given in the title. It should avoid using phrases which can be implied, such as, "The disclosure concerns," "The disclosure defined by this invention," "The disclosure describes," etc.

2. The abstract of the disclosure is objected to because the abstract contains more than one paragraph. Correction is required. See MPEP § 608.01(b).

Priority

3. Acknowledgment is made of applicant's claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d). The certified copy has been filed in parent Application No. 09/719,895, filed on December 19th, 2000.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

4. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

5. Claims **12-15 and 17-19** are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102() as being anticipated by Rigg et al. (US 5,785,960).

6. **As to claim 12**, Rigg teaches a method and system for customizing dermatological foundation products that comprises a method of exposing a body part to light and highlighting a surface of the skin to emphasize a contour of the body part, wherein a prescribed light is made to irradiate the skin for the purpose of varying the degree of pigment deposition in different areas, wherein the light to irradiate the skin is a laser beam (see column 2 lines 10-20 and column 3 lines 50-65)

7. **As to claim 13**, Rigg teaches a method and system for customizing dermatological foundation products that comprises a method of exposing a body part to light and highlighting a surface of the skin to emphasize a contour of the body part, wherein a prescribed light is made to irradiate the skin for the purpose of varying the degree of pigment deposition in different areas, wherein the deposition of pigment is made to occur in the area of the skin requiring to assume a darker color by allowing a light other than a laser beam to irradiate the area of the skin requiring a darker color in a large dosage (see column 2 lines 10-20 and column 3 lines 50-65).

8. **As to claim 14**, Rigg teaches a method and system for customizing dermatological foundation products that comprises a method of exposing a body part to light and highlighting a surface of the skin to emphasize a contour of the body part; applying a pigment deposition promoting agent capable of promoting pigment deposition to an area of the skin requiring to assume a darker color (see column 2 lines 10-20 and column 3 lines 50-65).

9. **As to claim 15**, Rigg teaches a method and system for customizing dermatological foundation products that comprises a method of exposing a body part to light and highlighting a surface of the skin to emphasize a contour of the body part; controlling the deposition of pigment to occur less in an area of the skin requiring to assume a brighter color by applying a whitening

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agent capable of inhibiting pigment deposition to the area of the skin required to assume a brighter color (see column 2 lines 45-67).

10. As to claim 17, Rigg teaches a method and system for customizing dermatological foundation products that comprises a projector provided with a light source adapted to permit emission of light capable of inducing pigment deposition on the skin and a filter adapted to pass the light emitted from the light source in such a manner that the light irradiating the skin positioned at prescribed from the light source may be in a larger amount in the area requiring to assume a darker color (see column 2 lines 10-67)

11. As to claim 18, Rigg teaches a method and system for customizing dermatological foundation products that comprises a pack provided with a sheet to be used as applied fast to the skin, the sheet having the part thereof corresponding to the area of the skin requiring to assume a darker color coated or impregnated with a pigment deposition promoting agent capable of promoting deposition of pigment (see column 2 lines 10-67).

12. As to claim 19, Rigg teaches a method and system for customizing dermatological foundation products that comprises a pack provided with a sheet to be used as applied fast to the skin, the sheet having the part thereof corresponding to the area of the skin requiring to assume a brighter color coated or impregnated with a whiting agent capable of inhibiting deposition of pigment (see column 2 lines 10-67).

Allowable Subject Matter

13. Claim 16 is allowed. The prior art does not disclose a decorative aid provided with a cover adapted to hide a prescribed area of skin, the cover being formed of a plurality of cover pieces adapted to hide the prescribed area of the skin.

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Conclusion

14. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Nihir Patel whose telephone number is (571) 272-4803. The examiner can normally be reached on 7:30 to 4:30 every other Fridays off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Patricia Bianco can be reached on (571) 272-4940. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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